

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 469

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Georgia Cook on her stellar achievements in competitive surfing.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those student-athletes who, throughout their years of athletic endeavors, reach incredible heights of accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Cook, a sophomore at Independence High School in Williamson County and a nationally ranked surfer, is one such talented individual; and

WHEREAS, born in Williamson County, Miss Cook first began surfing at the age of six, while visiting her grandparents who have a home on Tybee Island, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, she became a competitive surfer at the age of nine, and today, at fifteen, she is one of the top surfers in her age group in the country; and

WHEREAS, riding in both the shortboard and longboard categories, Georgia Cook finished second in the 2015 National Scholastic Surfing Association's (NSSA) East Coast Championship in New Smyrna Beach, Florida; earlier in the year, she competed with much older surfers in the 18U Division of the longboard competition in Cardiff, California, where she finished eleventh; and

WHEREAS, Miss Cook achieved an outstanding fifth-place finish at the 2015 NSSA National Championships in Huntington Beach, California, and also placed sixth in the NSSA nationals in Explorer Longboard; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a three-time member of the elite Eastern Surfing Association All Star Surf Team, Georgia Cook has been honored as a NSSA National Top Scholar in recognition of her 4.5 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, not only is Miss Cook one of the finest surfers in the nation, she is also a nationally recognized motivational speaker and co-founder of Every Girl Counts, a Christ-centered nonprofit humanitarian organization that seeks to transform the lives of impoverished girls and women around the world while finding solutions to end poverty through educational and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, throughout her stellar and inspirational career as a surfer and humanitarian, Georgia Cook has displayed an unwavering commitment to the pursuit of personal and athletic excellence, and it is wholly fitting that she be recognized by this body for her many accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Georgia Cook for her numerous outstanding accomplishments as a surfer and as an individual, recognize her status in the surfing community as Tennessee's ambassador of surfing, and extend to her our best wishes for continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.